

BOOZE ARGUMENTS AND BOOZE PLENTY

Supreme Court Boosted Latter
75 Cents, While Former
Still Flows Free.

WET LAWYERS HOPEFUL

Saloon Men, However, Have
Lost Hope in Saving Any-
thing of Wreck.

You could get an argument on the booze question from anybody yesterday. Motormen, bookkeepers, longshoremen, elevator operators, brokers, policemen, menographers—continue ad lib—held forth upon the constitutionality of the Volstead bill, the eighteenth amendment, the high price of contraband whiskey and the high power of the homemade stuff. There were those who shook a doleful head and predicted everything from plague to civil war. Others said that folks had to have their vices and no law was going to stop them. The prophets of an era of cocaine, heroin and other authoritative drugs were heard on all sides, and with the exception of a few who never did drink liquor and were therefore optimists of the sort who don't care what happens so long as it doesn't happen to them it was a consensus of opinion that the country is in all intents and purposes, reposing in the ragbag of nations and we might look for the red flag to be run up over the Capitol any minute.

The liquor owners, retailers, sellers and dealers—all of them in the ranks of the anti-prohibitionists—were handed out the good word yesterday. For the thousandth time they informed folks that there were \$10,000,000 gallons of whiskey in bond; that the tax on each gallon was \$4.40; that banks hold \$100,000,000 of \$150,000,000 in warehouse certificates and are, therefore, just that much out of pocket; that innumerable cooperages, bottle factories, cork foundries and workmen and workwomen who used to derive livelihood from these places are suffering and that personal liberty had gone the way of \$35 all wool suits.

May See Uncle Sam.

M. J. Strook, of Strook & Strook, counsel for the Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of the State of New York, declared he was making careful study of the Supreme Court's cheerful decision and that his clients probably would sue the United States of America to recover their losses. He added that he had not abandoned hope of seeing the eighteenth amendment declared unconstitutional. He said that he would not be a reluctant member of that cortege of lawyers to put the new amendment out of business.

But his clients seem to have lost heart. All they can see is that they lose about \$450,000,000 on whiskey and the fact that they can't get the \$150,000,000 on wines of various sorts and about \$100,000,000 on beer. They argue that the Supreme Court has said all that there is to be said about the matter and it seems they are quite right about that.

You can still buy whiskey in New York, however. But it costs you 75 cents a shot. As long as folks can jump front of a subway train for a nickel and get leaping from the Woolworth Tower for four bits, that 75 cent whiskey should go begging. Of course men are still drinking wood alcohol and prune juice and going blind in consequence, but most of them contend that there's nothing left worth seeing, anyway.

See Wines Gets Results.

A new decoction, known in the northern end of Manhattan as bee wine, is said to be producing wonderful results. Almost everything from evictions to reductions in rents has followed the introduction of bee wine in the Riverside section, while Flatbush citizens are rejoicing in the invention of a brew known as Apple Mary, a synthetic mixture that is said to possess qualities that would forever cement friendship between Judge Gary and Bill Foster if the two could be got together for a drink.

A weak cheer was heard when the officers announced that Representative Rainey, Volstead and Ward—the latter a local boy—voted to repeal the war time prohibition law at yesterday's meeting of the House Agricultural Committee, but when it was announced that sixteen other fellows on the committee voted dry, things slumped again.

About the only fact on which there was a unanimity of opinion was that the drinking of liquor as a national pastime is about over.

HARVARD FUND \$11,005,737.

Heavy Subscriptions Are Reported
From Middle West.

The Harvard endowment fund total passed the \$11,000,000 mark at noon yesterday when a considerable number of gifts from the Middle West were reported. The total is now \$11,005,737. Boston's contributions amount to \$4,416,381; those of New York are \$2,828,912. The outside territory of the campaign has a record of \$2,760,444.

Of the grand total up to this time, 32 per cent. has been restricted to specific purposes, particularly to the Law School and the Arnold Arboretum. Though it was urged that all subscriptions possible be made without conditions attached to the use that be made of their income, it was stated at the fund headquarters that the purpose for which the money has been restricted are, in all but a very few cases, wise; and that only \$5 had been given for something that cannot be classed as an immediate need of the university.

5,000 Barrels of Potatoes Burn.

Houlton, Me., Dec. 16.—Nearly 5,000 barrels of potatoes, valued at \$20,000, were destroyed today when the potato house of B. S. Green Bros. Company was burned.

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MOSES SAYS BAKER "SPIKED" EDWARDS

Brigadier Not Promoted Because of Politics, Is Hint.

Special Despatch to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A remarkable tribute of confidence and admiration was paid to Gen. Clarence R. Edwards today when most of the New England delegation in Congress went to the War Department to find out why Gen. Edwards has been repeatedly overlooked in promotions. As commander of the Twenty-sixth Division in France he not only made a remarkable military record but won the affection of the men under him and of their folks back home. Despite this he has been persistently overlooked when promotions were made and New England has been getting more and more disaffected over it. Today the delegation headed by Senator Hale (Me.) and with Senator Lodge (Mass.) as its spokesman, waited on Secretary of War Baker.

Gen. Edwards's case has been likened frequently to that of Gen. Wood. Himself a close friend of former President Taft, the family of Gen. Edwards contributed largely to the Hughes campaign fund.

Secretary Baker could not give his callers any idea what might be the chances for Gen. Edwards in the future. Later Senator Moses (N. H.) said:

"It is evident to us that promotion continues to go by favor in the army. It is equally evident that Gen. Edwards's name was blue pencilled from the list of officers under consideration by the Secretary of War himself."

HARRY NEW ON TRIAL FOR KILLING FIANCEE

Two of Eleven Jurors Picked
Are Women.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—Eleven jurors, two of them women, had been accepted tentatively when adjournment was taken today in the trial of Harry New, alleged son of Senator Harry S. New (Ind.), charged with the murder of Miss Freda Lesser, his sweetheart.

Leconte Davis, leading counsel for New, made it clear the defense would be insanity. Thomas Lee Woolwine, District Attorney, who with Deputy Asa Keys is prosecuting the case, announced that the State would not attempt to prove "New is an intellectual giant," but would maintain he was intelligent enough to be held responsible for his acts. Many of his questions seemingly were framed with the idea of ascertaining whether the jurymen believed a man of what he termed "dull" mentality should be punished if he committed a crime.

The name of Senator New was mentioned early in the proceedings. Mr. Woolwine asked the jurymen if they were acquainted with Senator New or any of his relatives, and said he thought it possible testimony might be introduced regarding the alleged circumstances of New's birth and the alleged relations of New's mother, Mrs. Lillian M. Burger, with Senator New.

ARREST IN BOND THIEF HUNT

Suspect Accused of Receiving
\$17,500 of \$1,500,000 Total Loot.

A man describing himself as Abe Nash and giving his address as the Circle Hotel, 29 West Sixtieth street, was held in the Tombs Court yesterday on a short affidavit charging him with having received on November 17 securities valued at \$17,500, which had been stolen from a brokerage office in Wall street.

Nash was held without bail upon the request of Assistant District Attorney Talley, who informed Magistrate Marsh that the arrest had been made during a search for members of a gang who within the last eight months have stolen Liberty bonds and other securities worth more than \$1,500,000. Nash's examination was set for tomorrow.

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DRY LAW'S REPEAL IS BEATEN IN HOUSE

New Jersey Wets Sure to Test
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—War-time prohibition was upheld again today, this time by the House Agriculture Committee in refusing to report to the House a bill repealing the war-time act.

The committee voted 16 to 3 to table the repealing act, which was introduced by Representative Gallivan (Mass.), and another hope of the liquor interests thus jolted in both Houses will prevent any action toward knocking out the war-time act, it is now virtually certain.

The liquor interests, although disappointed with their defeat in the Supreme Court yesterday, began in earnest today the fight against the constitutional amendment.

The Retail Liquor Dealers Association of New Jersey asked the Supreme Court today to be allowed to begin an original suit in the court testing the validity of the amendment and the Volstead law enforcing it. By bringing an original suit in the Supreme Court it is not necessary to begin the action in a lower court and carry it by successive steps to the Supreme Court on appeal.

An injunction was asked restraining the Federal and State governments from enforcing constitutional prohibition in the State. The case was presented by George W. Tucker, a New York attorney, who said the case was a matter of tomorrow in behalf of the State of Rhode Island by Attorney-General Rice, on instructions from the Legislature, which has voted \$5,000 to conduct the suit.

The case probably will be announced next Monday whether it will consider the case.

The killing of the repeal bill in the House Committee was only a matter of a few minutes. Representative John W. Rainey (Ill.) made a brief appeal for a favorable report on the bill, to which the drys on the committee made no reply.

Representative Tinsler (Kans.) made the motion to table the bill and it was carried immediately.

Mr. Rainey, after pointing out the large loss that will result if the liquor interests are not allowed to dispose of their stocks, said:

"Since the Supreme Court has decided the war time act is constitutional we must submit to the inevitable, but much to be regretted, that the State of New Jersey, and those of less means should have some opportunity to be supplied."

In the Supreme Court proceedings filed today the New Jersey association contends that the constitutional amendment is an interference with the State police power, and a violation of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution, because it is confiscatory. The suit was instituted in the name of William Duheine, a liquor dealer of the State of New Jersey. Attorney General Palmer, Joseph L. Bodine, United States District Attorney for New Jersey, and Daniel C. Roper, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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